TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 591 - HB 764

March 29, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006990): Authorizes a municipal governing body to create a police advisory and review committee (committee) upon adoption of an ordinance by a two-thirds vote at two separate meetings. Establishes the composition, authorities, and operational framework for such committees, including that no member of the committee, is entitled to compensation. Requires a local governing body that created a police advisory and review committee, community oversight board, or other similar police oversight body prior to July 1, 2023 to comply with the requirements of the proposed legislation regarding any such bodies within 90 days. Establishes that any such body that does not conform to the requirements of the proposed legislation within 90 days is terminated.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Other Fiscal Impact – There may be a mandatory decrease in local expenditures of an unknown amount in FY23-24 and subsequent years. To the extent that any municipal governing body elects to create a committee, the relevant municipality will realize a permissive increase in expenditures for which the amount and timing are unknown.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed that only four municipal entities currently possess a body that would be affected by the proposed legislation one each in the cities of Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Memphis.
- The composition and authorities of those bodies are not uniform and the precise annual expenditures related to them could not be attained.
- However, the FY22-23 budget for the Nashville Community Oversight Board was \$2,171,900 and included several full-time staff. The relevant ordinance for the Knoxville board provides for a compensated executive director, office, supplies, and support staff.
- It assumed that none of the existing relevant bodies conform to the proposed requirements.
- It is not known how many of the four existing bodies would be conformed to comply with the requirements of the proposed legislation, nor is it known how many may be terminated, or how many may be reconstituted, or when they may be reconstituted. It is

- also not known if any additional local governing bodies may elect to form such committees.
- It is assumed that for some of the existing bodies, operation under the new proposed form and requirements would require less resources than their current form and operation. However, that may not be the case for each of the bodies. Furthermore, there will be costs in re-constituting any existing bodies to conform with the proposed requirements for any local government that chooses to do so. In addition, if any local government bodies that do not have such a committee elect to form one, those local governments will incur a permissive increase in local expenditures related to forming such a committee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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